



CALLING BLAINE A BULLY.

DRAMATIC SCENE AT THE CLOSE OF HIS CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Belmont—*This* **him** also that he is a *Coward*. *Unbound* **Talk** of a *Bull*—An *Exceedingly lively Examination* Broken by *curtseys* of *Blamees*. *Cornering Mr. Blaine*—*What is Said in Washington*.

Washington, April 27.—Mr. Blaine to-day found an honored gentleman tell him that he was a bully and a coward. Congressman Belmont made this accusation to Mr. Blaine's face before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the committee and the people who were there saw Mr. Blaine hang his head. Mr. Belmont preferred that some other member of the committee should conduct the examination, but when he saw that the gray heads were unwilling to submit Mr. Blaine to any kind of cross-examination, and that the committee seemed disposed to slight its duty, and let Mr. Blaine go with what he had said, Mr. Belmont undertook the examination. He did not do so for the purpose of humiliating Mr. Blaine, but simply to get at such facts as the resolution authorizing the investigation instructed the committee to learn. Mr. Blaine, from the first, seemed to take it as a personal insult that Mr. Belmont would not either be bullied or cowed into silence and be to-day began by deliberately insulting Mr. Blaine. When Mr. Belmont simply took notice of the insult by asserting that Mr. Blaine had forfeited all right to any special consideration, but should be treated by him as any witness, Mr. Blaine, in his most dramatic manner and with consummate simulation of injury, and outraged innocence, said to the committee that Mr. Belmont's insolence was intolerable.

The Chairman again appealed to both gentlemen to proceed regularly with the examination. A moment calm was restored and Mr. Belmont proceeded with the examination as follows:

MR. DUNNELL INTERROGATES.

Q.—Did not the resolution of the House of Representatives direct that you should examine and advise generally in respect to the present use which should be made of the House in the transaction with France? A.—Yes, Sir; I have no objection to answer that question. What I wanted to get at was the meaning and the words. After some further talk on this point Mr. Belmont proceeded.

MR. BLAINE'S STATUS.

Q.—Is it not true that Mr. Blaine has been a member of the House since 1847?

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